MR. VEERABHADRAPPA (Nagar Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the number of houses destroyed by accidental fire in the malnad taluks during the years 1922-23 and 1923-24?

(*b*) What is the extent of loss and what are the main sources of the loss?

REVENUE SECRETARY.—

A.—A statement giving the information is given below :—

The number of houses destroyed by accidental fire during		Extent of loss		Main sources of loss
1922-23	1923-24	1922-23	1923-24	
568	884	Rs. a. p. 92,205 8 0	Rs. a. p. 1,40,679 4 0	Houses, clothes and other household property and a few cattle.

Supplemenatry Questions.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

Have Government taken any preventive measures against accidental fires?

Dewan.—

Nothing can be done to prevent accidental fires. They are mere accidents and sometimes visitations. All that can be done is to afford relief to the sufferers.

Mr. Abdul Nabi.—

Is it not possible to prevent these fires by keeping a watchman and storing water?

Dewan.—

Not practicable.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Have Government rendered any help to the sufferers on account of accidental fires?

Dewan.—

Local officers have been empowered to grant timber and other materials for building houses.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

How much money has been sanctioned for relief in this direction from year to year?

Dewan.—

I want notice to answer that.

MR. VEERABHADRAPPA (Nagar Taluk).—

Q.—**25.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the number of villages in the malnad taluks wherein the Forest Department levy a grazing fee of 8 annas and 2 annas per head of she-buffalo and 4 annas and one anna per head of cow?

(*b*) What is the number of villages in which permanent lumpsum grazing fees for the village as a whole is levied?

(*c*) What is the number of heads of cattle and the total extent of gomal lands in the villages referred to in (1) and (2)?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—

A.—(*a*) The question is not clear. Eight annas per buffalo and 4 annas per cow are the usual rates of grazing fees levied in all State Forests. In 30 villages of Shikarpur and Sorab Taluks, a concession rate of 2 annas per buffalo and 1 anna per cow is levied. Concession rates varying from free grazing to a normal rate of 6 pies per head have been given in some villages of Kadur District also.

(*b*) Fifty-five villages.

(*c*) Full information under this head is not available.

MR. DUMMI PANCHAKSHARAPPA (Shimoga Urban Constituency) AND MR. PUTTAMALLAPPA (Shikarpur Taluk).—

Q.—**26.** Will the Government be pleased to give the following information:—

(*a*) The action taken till now as regards the Anjanapur Project in the Shikarpur Taluk.

(*b*) Whether the project has been sanctioned by Government, and if not, when it will be sanctioned?